



Governor's Grants Office News

Martin O'Malley, Governor
Anthony Brown, Lt. Governor

SPRING 2011

Greetings!

This year we resume hosting our large one-day grants conference which will be held on Monday, September 12, 2011. We have a great line up of speakers and panels, so mark your calendar. When we open registration, you will be the first to know.

In more good news, thanks to a renewal grant from Verizon, we will be able to continue conducting training webinars on a variety of topics (at no charge) throughout the year.

And thanks go to our partners, the Foundation Center's Maryland Cooperating Collections, for hosting the **How State Grants Work** webinar workshops. The next one is set for Friday, April 1, 2011, at a location hopefully near you. We'll be focusing on the Maryland Departments of the Environment and Natural Resources.

One final reminder, if you have not done so already, sign up for email notifications of available state grants at our website <http://www.grants.maryland.gov/>

Best Regards,

Eric Brenner
Director
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Governor's Grants Office Popular Webinar Series To Continue in 2011

Thanks to a little help from our friends

We are very pleased to announce that VERIZON has agreed to underwrite our webinar series again this year, thus keeping these trainings free for you, our constituents. The ReadyTalk webinar technology has allowed thousands of Marylanders to benefit from our trainings, many more than we were able to serve in the past, as we traveled throughout Maryland to set up workshops in various places. This has saved everyone time, effort and petrol in keeping with GGO's philosophy of operating in the "GREEN."

Our next webinar is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. GGO

Director Eric Brenner will conduct a tour of the various grants resources on our updated website, including the new grants announcement pages. [Click here to register for this webinar](#). As usual, we will record it to post on our website later so you can view it on demand anytime if you can't participate in real time. (In real time you may ask questions.)



HOW STATE GRANTS WORK

PART II: ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The **Governor's Grants Office** (GGO) continues its series of one-hour webinars about State grants on **Friday, April 1, 2011, at 10:30 a.m.** Speakers include experts from the Maryland Department of Environment and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Hear first-hand how these state agencies make grants and loans, who is eligible, and what process to follow. The following organizations are designated by the Foundation Center as a grants-research Cooperating Collection and are serving as the event locations (and ONLY at these specific locations). You also will be briefed by your host about how you can use the on-site Cooperating Collection for free to research private grants for your programs.

Please choose a location from the list below where you want to attend and click on the email provided to register. Please write "April 1 event" in the subject line and include your name, organization, and telephone number in the message.

Anne Arundel County: Crofton branch, 1681 Riedel Road, Crofton, 410-222-1750.
RSVP to Cindy Hackett at <mailto:ann.cooperating.collection@gmail.com>

Charles County: P.D. Brown Memorial Library, 50 Village St., Waldorf, 301-645-2864.
RSVP to Cindy Thornley at <mailto:cthornley@somd.lib.md.us>

Prince George's County: 6530 Adelphi Rd., Hyattsville, 301-985-4690.
RSVP to Chad Stark at <mailto:Chadwick.Stark@pgcmls.info>

Eastern Shore (Mid): Chesapeake College, 1000 College Dr., Wye Mills, 410-827-5860.
RSVP to Ginny Capute at <mailto:vcapute@chesapeake.edu>

Eastern Shore (Lower): Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, 1324 Belmont Ave, Suite 401, Salisbury, 410-742-9911.
RSVP to Erica Joseph, <mailto:ejoseph@cfes.org>

Washington County: The Hagerstown branch that houses the Cooperating Collection is closed for renovations. Therefore, this event will take place at the Technical Innovation Center at Hagerstown Community College, 20140 Scholar Drive, Rm. 208,

Hagerstown, MD 21742, 301-791-5169.
RSVP to Harry Sachs, <mailto:hsachs@washcolibrary.org>

Foundation Center's Cooperating Collection Training Workshops:



[Introduction to Fundraising Planning](#) at the Calvert Library in Prince Frederick, MD on Friday, April 1, 2011, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

[Proposal Writing Basics](#) at the Hyattsville Public Library in Hyattsville, MD on Wednesday, May 4, 2011, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

[How to Approach a Foundation](#) at the Charles County Public Library, P.D. Brown Memorial Branch in Waldorf, MD on Friday, May 6, 2011, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

[How to Approach a Foundation](#) at the Hyattsville Public Library in Hyattsville, MD on Wednesday, June 1, 2011, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

[Proposal Writing Basics](#) at the Frederick County Public Libraries, C. Burr Artz Central Library in Frederick, MD on Wednesday, June 8, 2011, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Introduction to Proposal Writing, March 21, 2011; Arts Funding April 18, 2011; and Introduction to Fundraising Resources, June 6, 2011; offered at the Cooperating Collection at Enoch Pratt Library in Baltimore City. [View their calendar for more information and to register.](#)

Of course, the Foundation Center in Washington, D.C. offers continual training workshops. [View their calendar of courses here.](#)

Networking Night events at the Foundation Center's Cooperating Collections:

[Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at the Foundation Center in Washington, DC.](#)

[Wednesday, June 22, 2011 at the Rockville Memorial Library](#)

[Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at the Hyattsville Public Library](#)

HHS Awards Maryland \$6.2 million federal grant to advance Statewide Health Insurance Exchange.



Innovation and national leadership gave Maryland the edge as one of seven recipients; Maryland will help create a national model for consumer friendly exchange.

The Department of Health and Human Services is awarding Maryland a \$6.2 million federal grant to advance Maryland's efforts to create a statewide health insurance exchange. It follows a \$1 million insurance exchange planning grant and more than \$110 million in total federal funding to continue developing a national model for health care reform under the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

"Because of Maryland's leadership and innovation, we are ready to lead the nation in streamlining access to insurance as envisioned by the Affordable Care Act," said Lt. Governor Anthony Brown, the O'Malley-Brown administration's point person on health care issues. "I applaud Senator Mikulski and the rest of Team Maryland for their work to secure this important grant which provides an unprecedented opportunity for a federal-state partnership to move forward with ACA implementation, increase the number of individuals who enroll in health coverage and share technology among states."

The grant is awarded to states that demonstrate leadership in developing cutting-edge and cost effective consumer-based technologies and models for insurance eligibility and enrollment for exchanges. These two-year grants went to the states with ambitious and achievable proposals to build web-based, Information Technology (IT) and best practices that will serve as models.

The \$6.2 million award will help the state develop the essential technical components for the exchange, including automatically confirming consumer eligibility for key government programs. The proposal builds on an effective pilot program using the Healthy Maryland (One e-App) eligibility solution, currently in place in Howard County and under development in other Maryland counties.

Maryland Wins Federal Grant for No Kid Hungry Campaign



A top priority of Governor Martin O'Malley's is to end childhood hunger in our state by 2015. Fortunately, we are nearer to reaching his goal through the strength of our coalition and with the help of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). USDA will be investing \$4.98 million in grants to 14 communities in eight states to end hunger and improve the nutrition of low-income Americans. Maryland is one of only eight states receiving funds.

"I'd like to thank Secretary Vilsack and President Obama for their leadership and commitment to ending childhood hunger even in tough times," said Governor O'Malley. "These funds will help us protect our most vulnerable Marylanders. Together, with our federal partners, we can conduct outreach campaigns, raise awareness, and expand access to nutritious meals in and out of school."

The Maryland Partnership to End Childhood Hunger applied for \$923,812 over a two year period. The Governor's Office for Children (GOC) will serve as lead agency on the grant, and will work with members of the Maryland Partnership to implement the

proposed scope of work.

The grant includes eight counties in Maryland that were selected based on hunger assessments performed by the Partnership, which revealed that many at-risk children are not accessing the full range of available food and nutrition programs and resources. The eight focus counties are Allegany, Anne Arundel, Caroline, Carroll, Dorchester, Frederick, Garrett and Montgomery. Maryland's Hunger-Free Communities outreach program will focus on three areas: increasing access to and providing information regarding the Food Supplement Program, increasing participation in in-school and out-of-school time nutrition programs and expanding access to nutritious food for families with children. There are more than 152,000 children in Maryland living in poverty. An estimated 207,000 children do not have ready and reliable access to food.

In November of 2008, Governor Martin O'Malley established the Partnership to End Childhood Hunger in Maryland with Share our Strength and GOC. The Maryland partnership includes community groups, activists and food programs working together to identify children at risk of hunger, and ensure they have nutritious food where they live, learn and play. Governor O'Malley was the first Governor in the nation to commit to ending childhood hunger by 2015 and has made Childhood Hunger one of his 15 administrative priorities. As a result, Maryland is one of four grantees that are at the implementation stage for the Hunger-Free Communities Grant program.

For more information and to join us in taking the pledge to help end childhood hunger in Maryland, please [visit the No Kid Hungry Maryland website.](#)

IRS REVOKES THE TAX EXEMPT STATUS OF NON PROFITS WHO ARE NOT IN COMPLIANCE



Remember, all you tax-exempt organizations (other than churches), that you must file a yearly return or notice with the IRS. If an organization fails to file for three consecutive years, the organization will automatically lose its tax-exempt status. This means that the organization must then file income tax returns and pay income tax, not be able to apply for grants, and its contributors will not be able to deduct their donations.

The IRS will soon publish and begin maintaining a monthly updated list of organizations that have had their federal tax-exempt status revoked. Called "The Nonfiler Revocation List," it will be available in two formats, Adobe Acrobat and Microsoft Excel. The list will be divided into separate lists for each state. It will provide, for each revoked organization, the name, Employer Identification Number (EIN), organization type (subsection code), last known address provided to the IRS by the organization, and the effective date of revocation. The effective date of revocation is the original filing due date, without regard to extensions, of the third annual required return or notice that was not filed.

In addition, [a revocation list is on file](#) in EXCEL at the IRS charities website. There currently are 6,789 Maryland non profit organizations who are on the revocation list.

[Guidestar has a good resource center](#) for information on this topic.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Chesapeake Bay Trust Grants program assistant.



The CBT offers grants to community partners to restore habitat and protect the Bay.

CBT's SAVE OUR BAY license plate sales have yielded these results:

- 6,752 linear feet of living shorelines were installed.
- 220,648 native plants and trees were planted.
- 65 acres of wetland, oyster reef, streamside buffers were restored.

Education

CBT helps ensure our children learn about and care for the environment.

- 86,717 students became interested and involved.
- 4,232 teachers participated.

Community Engagement

CBT engages individuals to become involved in improving the health of local waters.

- 258,510 people purchased or renewed a Bay Plate.
- 32,747 volunteers gave their time and effort.
- 429 tons of trash were removed from our streams.

What a great place to work~!

Grants Professionals' Meetings



Merril Oliver, deputy director of the Governor's Grants Office and President of the National Grants Management Association, invites you to attend the NGMA's 32nd ANNUAL GRANTS MANAGEMENT TRAINING CONFERENCE May 1-4, 2011 at Hersey Lodge and Conference Center, Hersey, PA.

This conference is designed for grants professionals in government, non-profit, foundation and higher education. Speakers will provide quality grants management

training and critical industry information.

FEATURES:

CGMS Candidate Training
Certified Grants Management Specialist
Conference Training Tracks
Introductory & Advanced Training
Training By Industry Leaders
NGMA Annual Awards Program
Networking Opportunities
Special group events & attraction discounts
Exhibitors

For more information, visit <http://www.ngma.org/>

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The Executive Committee of the Maryland Chapter of the [Grant Professionals Association](#) announces its schedule of meetings for 2011, with the first on April 26 at the Baltimore headquarters of Maryland Nonprofits, 190 W. Ostend Street, Ste 201, Baltimore, MD 21230. The topic is Federal Grants, with a panel discussion by representatives of several federal agencies and a congressional office, moderated by chapter President, Mary Beth Stapleton, Grants Coordinator, Harford County Public Schools. To receive an e-invitation for the April GPA meeting, email the Chapter Secretary, Jerri Kamicker, at <mailto:jerrikam@verizon.net>



Future meetings are June 21, 2011, "The Role of Community Foundations in Grantmaking," and November 29, 2011, "Corporate Funding;" locations to be announced. The chapter also will participate in the Governor's Grants Office Conference at the UMUC Conference Center in Adelphi, Maryland, on September 12, 2011.

There also is a NATIONAL CAPITAL chapter of the Grant Professionals Association, for those of you living closer to the District.



**[Happy St. Paddy's Day!](#)**

***May you find a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow!***